



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/723,141	11/26/2003	Masato Yamazaki	848075/0062	9457
29619	7590	04/07/2008	EXAMINER	
SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL LLP ATTN: JOEL E. LUTZKER 919 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022				BEMBEN, RICHARD M
ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
		2622		
		MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE
		04/07/2008		PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John C. Garces (Reg. No. 40,616) on 2 January 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, lines 5-6: replace "an elastic member which is elastically deformed in a thickness direction, arranged between said substrate and said housing" with -- an elastic member which is elastically deformed in a thickness direction, arranged below said substrate and between said substrate and said housing--

Claim 4, lines 1-2: replace "An attachment structure for attaching a camera module according to claim 3" with -- An attachment structure for attaching a camera module according to claim 1--

Claim 6, line 17: replace "said substrate has a cover member which covers..." with --a cover member which covers...--

Claim 9, line 1: replace "A portable terminal device according to claim 8" with --A portable terminal device according to claim 6--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record that is most similar to applicant's claimed invention is U.S. Patent No. 7,218,732 issued to Tanaka et al. Referring to Figure 2b of the Tanaka patent, housing 132 latches to housing 131 as opposed to applicant's claimed invention in which the housing latches directly to the camera module (refer to Figure 5 of applicant's specification). The specific structure including (1) the elastic member disposed below the substrate and between the substrate and the housing and (2) the latching structure of the housing and the camera module in applicant's claimed invention differentiate applicant's invention from the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard M. Bemben whose telephone number is (571) 272-7634. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

RMB
3/28/08

/Nhan T. Tran/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2622